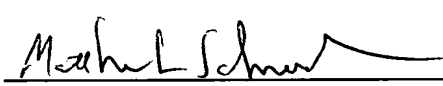


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/050380		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 26 March 2004 (26.03.2004)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 March 2003 (28.03.2003)	
TITLE OF INVENTION UNIT FOR APPLYING OPENING DEVICES TO PACKAGES OF POURABLE FOOD PRODUCTS					
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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